

Application No. 09/905,174

Atty Docket No. BLFR 1006-1

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement dated 01 September 2005, Applicants have elected **Group I**. They have withdrawn the claims of **Group II** (claims 27-31, directed to a method for transitioning from an old item to a new by automatically out-dating the old item and in-dating the new item); **Group III** (claims 32-41, directed to a method for transitioning from an old item to a new item by translating presentation quantity data for the old item to the new item); **Group IV** (claim 42, directed to a method for transitioning from an old item to a new item by translating causal calendar events for the old item to the new item); and **Group V** (claim 43-56, directed to a method for automatically linking the inventory and outstanding purchase orders for old items to new items), leaving for prosecution on the merits, the claims of **Group I**, consisting of claims 1-26, as shown herein. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and thereby solicit acceptance of the claims, in light of these amendments.

For future reference, when a divisional application is filed, the Examiner should consider that the search required for Group V covers Groups II, III and IV, as well. Automatically out dating an old item and in dating a new item will be searched for Group V, covering Group II as characterized by the Examiner, because that is the third element of claim 43. Translating presentation quantity data from an old item to a new item will be searched for Group V, covering Group III as characterized by the Examiner, because that is the fifth element of claim 43. Translating causal calendar events for the old item to the new item will be searched for Group V, covering Group IV as characterized by the Examiner, because that element is in dependent claim 56. All of the elements identified by the Examiner as characterizing Groups II, III and IV must be searched in the course of examining Group V. When a divisional application is filed, Applicants will urge that claims 28-56, as presently numbered, should be examined together.

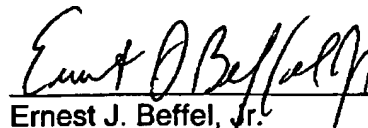
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